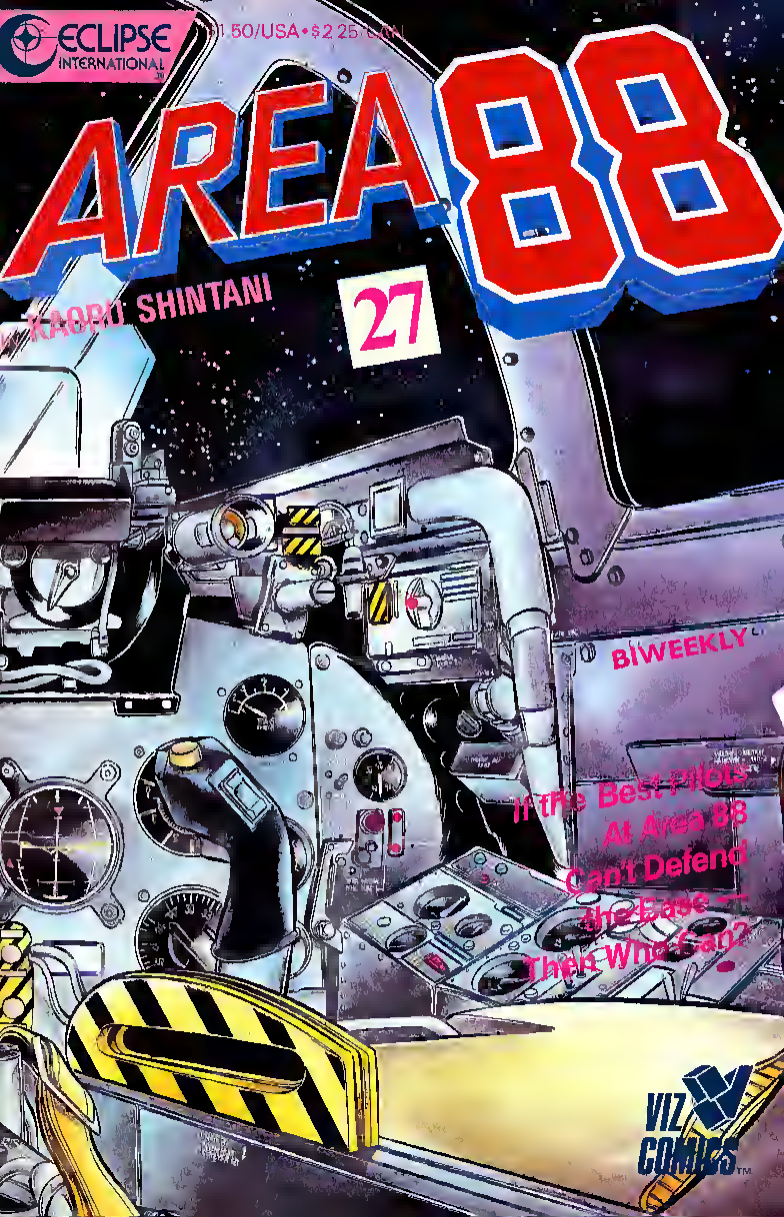
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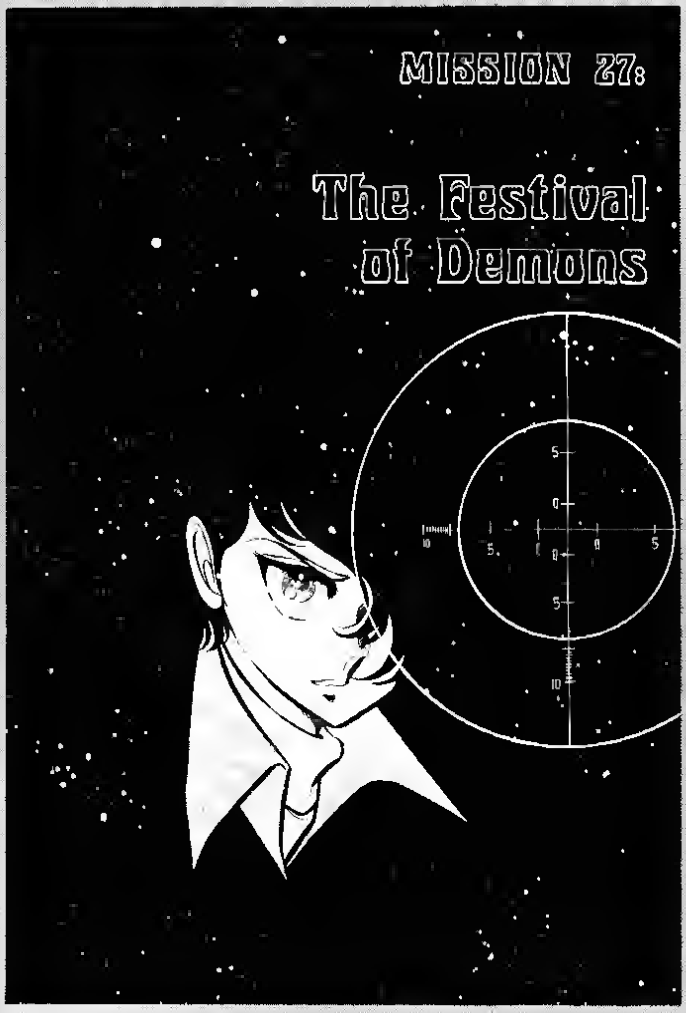
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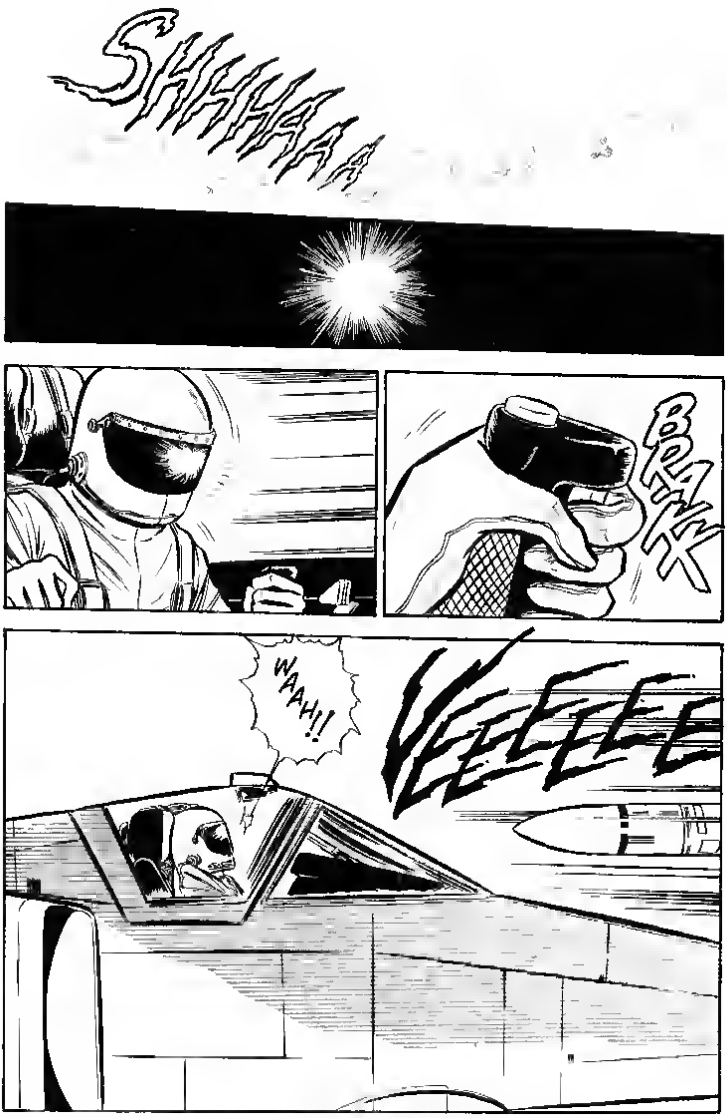
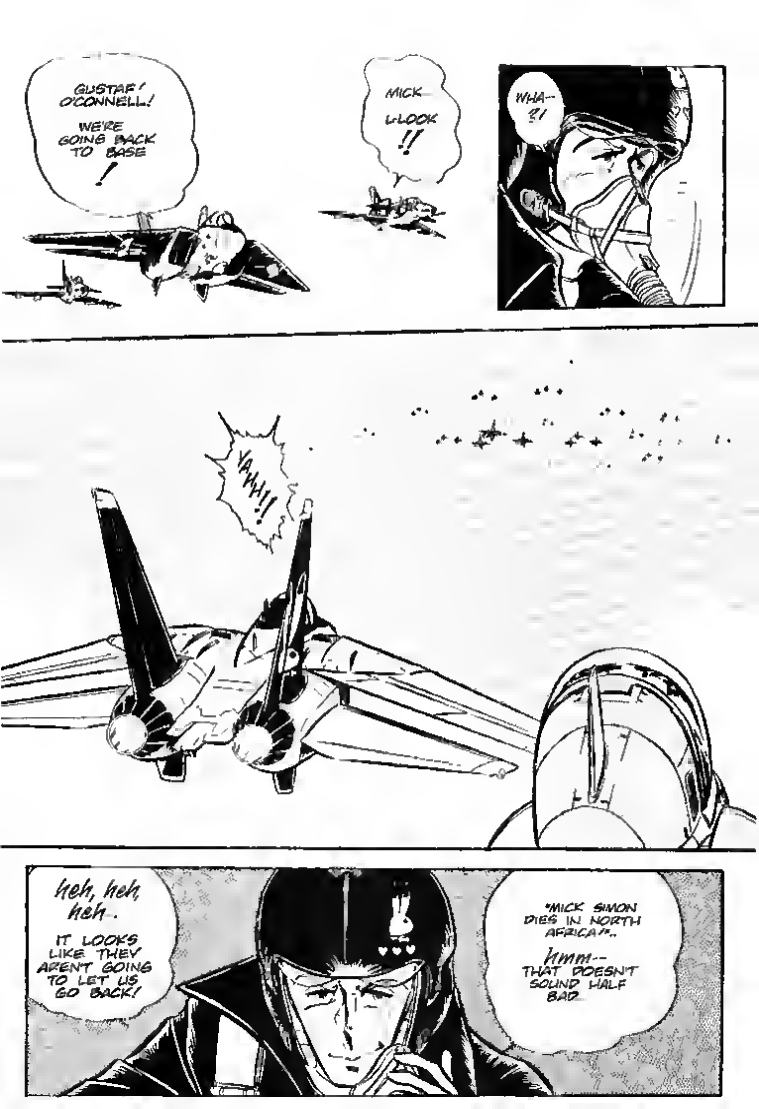
The Festival of Demons


SHHHAA
BRK
WAAH!!
VEEEEE

KA-DOOM
UWAH!!

SHEEEE
DAMN! NO MATTER HOW MANY PLANES WE SHOOT DOWN, THERE'S NO END!
WHERE THE HELL ARE ALL THESE PLANES COMING FROM?!
IT'LL TAKE TEN MINUTES TO REACH THE BASE AT FULL SPEED. SHOULD WE GO BACK FOR SUPPLIES?


GUSTAF! O'CONNELL! WE'RE GOING BACK TO BASE!
MICK LOOK!!
WHA--?!
YAHH!!
heh, heh heh.
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY AREN'T GOING TO LET US GO BACK!
"MICK SIMON DIES IN NORTH AFRICA!"..
Hmm-- THAT DOESN'T SOUND HALF BAD.

AHOGA
AHOGA
ENEMY FORMATION APPROACHING FROM THE EAST!
SHEEEOOOWO
FIRE!
FFASHOOOM

WAAH!
EYAAAH!

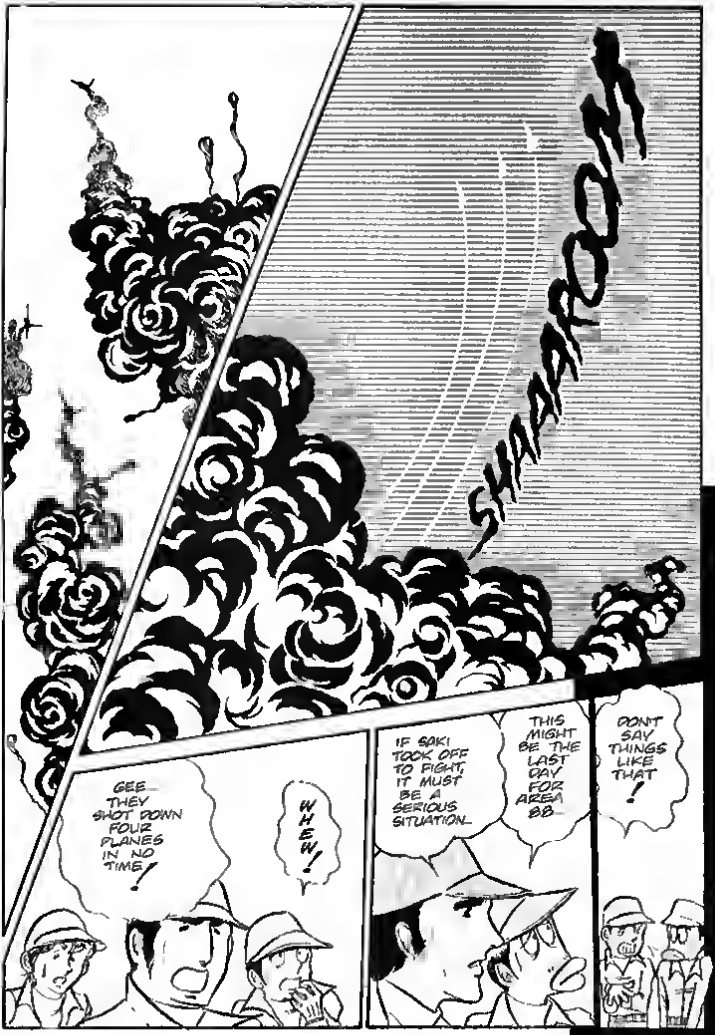
THE BEST PILOTS IN AREA 88 HAVE TAKEN OFF!
IF THEY CAN'T DEFEND US, WHO CAN?!
Deep
Deep
B-BUT, COMMANDER SAKI! A HUGE NUMBER OF ENEMY PLANES— MORE THAN WE'VE EVER FACED--HEADED THIS WAY!
HANGAR, START MY PLANE'S ENGINE! I'LL BE THERE SHORTLY!
COMMANDER!
THEY MAY BE SKILLED PILOTS, BUT THEY'RE STILL MERCENARIES, FIGHTING ONLY AS INDIVIDUALS! WITHOUT A COMMANDER, THEY CANNOT FIGHT AS AN ORGANIZED GROUP!
I'M TAKING OFF!
COMMANDER, I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM MICK'S RED SECTION: "MANY FIGHTER-BOMBERS APPROACHING FROM THE SOUTHEAST. WE'LL INTERCEPT THEM."
AND THEN HE WAS CUT OFF!
WHA--?!

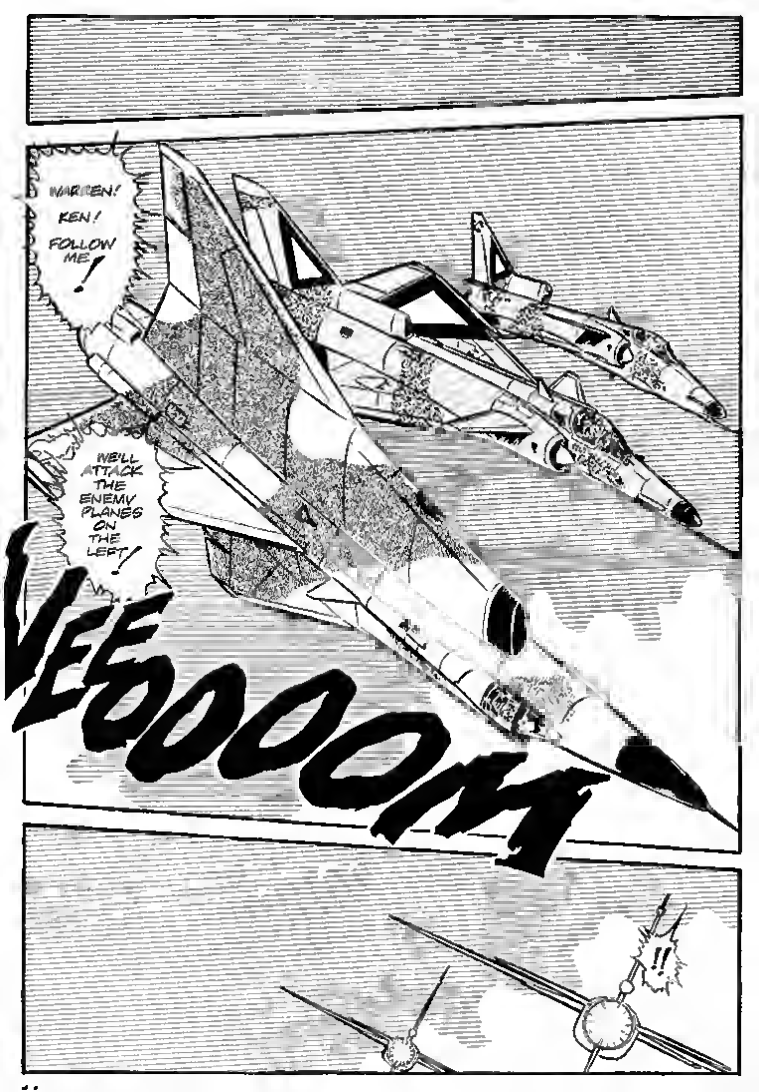
AREA CONTROL TO RED SECTION LEADER!
COME IN RED SECTION LEADER!
ANSWER ME!
KEEP CALLING HIM!
AND AFTER IM UP, LET PURPLE AND BLACK SECTIONS TAKE OFF!
Hyuuuuu
IT'S SAKI!
FINALLY SAKI'S TAKING OFF!
USHH

THIS IS BLACK SECTION LEADER HOOVER. SAKI, I'M READY!
I'M SORRY TO HAVE TO MAKE YOU DO THIS. I KNOW YOU'VE JUST RETURNED.
THIS IS PURPLE SECTION LEADER JENSEN. I CAN TAKE OFF ANYTIME, SAKI!
GO!
SHAROOOM!

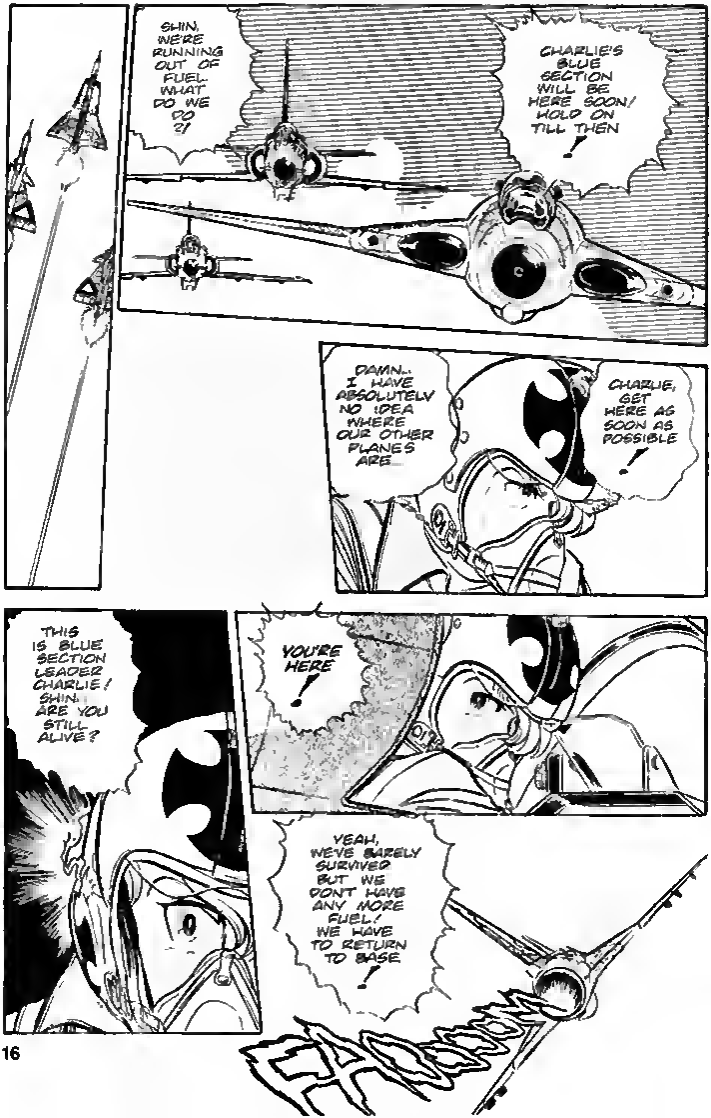
ROAR
FOUR ENEMY PLANES AT NINE O'CLOCK! WE'LL BREAK THEM WITH THE TRIANGLE FORMATION!
HOOVER JENSEN--- FOLLOW ME!
ROGER!
YES, SIR!
SHEEOOM

KOOM

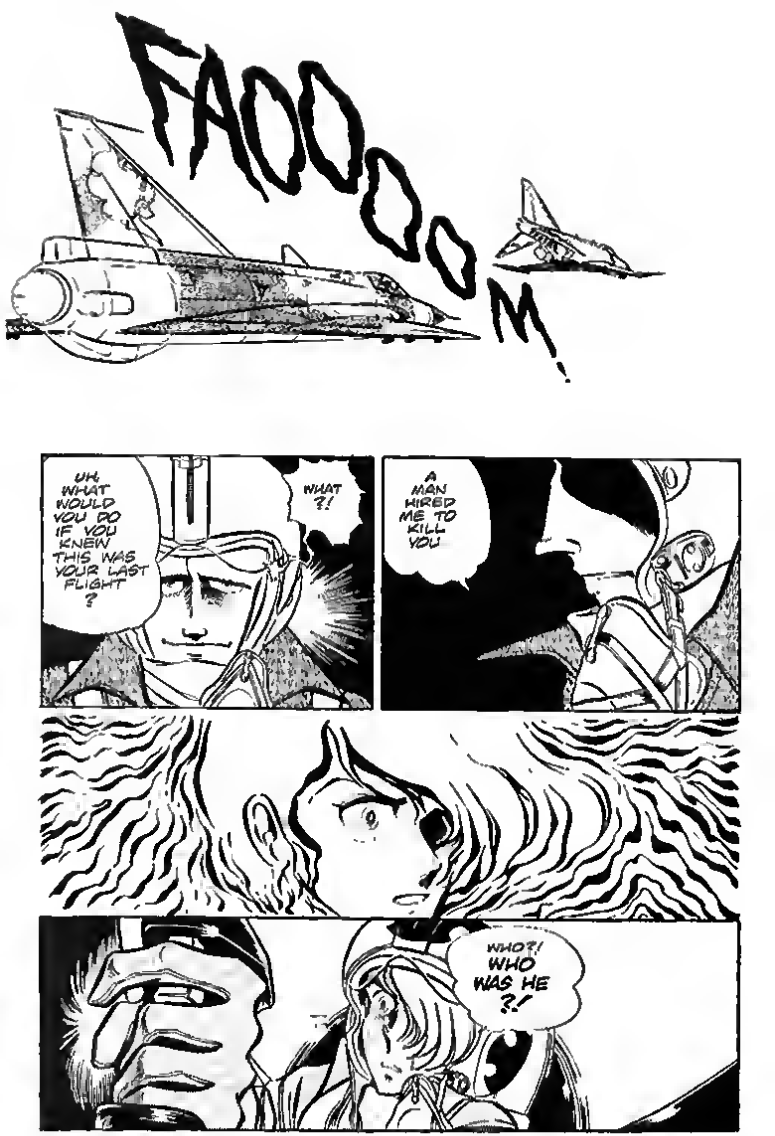

SHAARRAAM!
DONT SAY THINGS LIKE THAT!
THIS MIGHT BE THE LAST DAY FOR AREA 88...
IF SAKI TOOK OFF TO FIGHT, IT MUST BE A SERIOUS SITUATION...
WHEW!
GEE... THEY SHOT DOWN FOUR PLANES IN NO TIME!

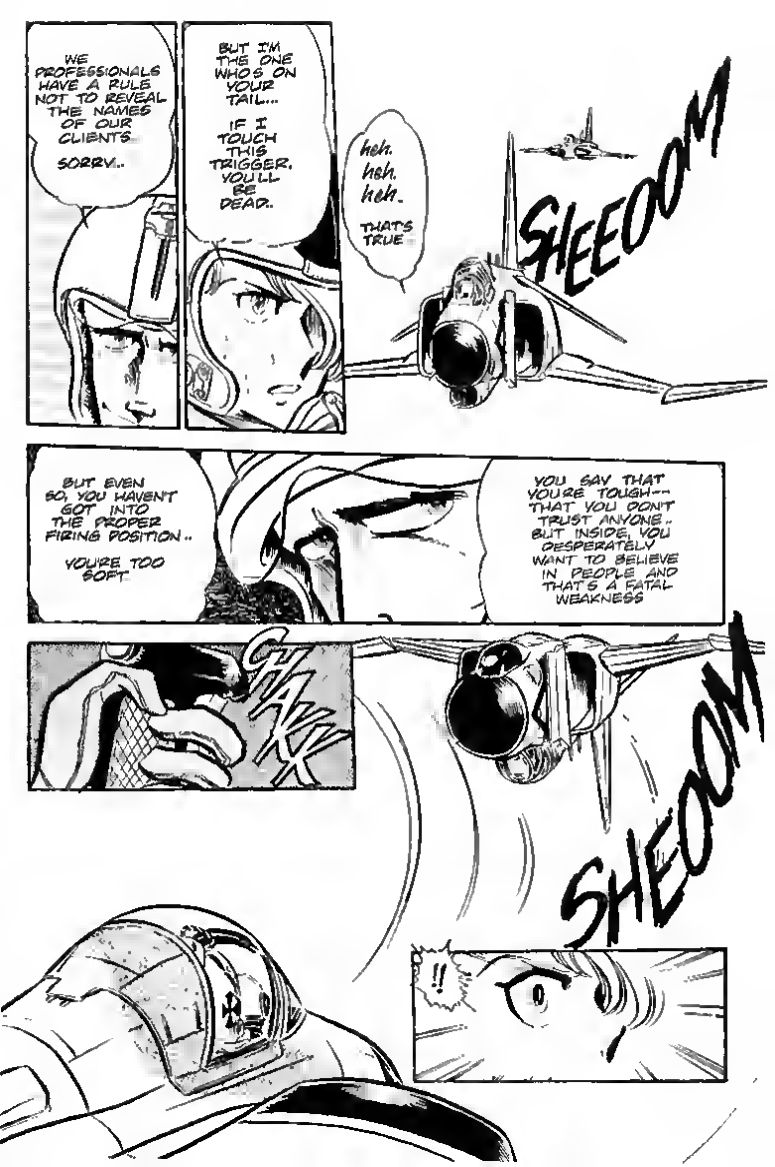

WARREN!
KEN!
FOLLOW ME!
WE'LL ATTACK THE ENEMY PLANES ON THE LEFT!
VEEOOOM
!!

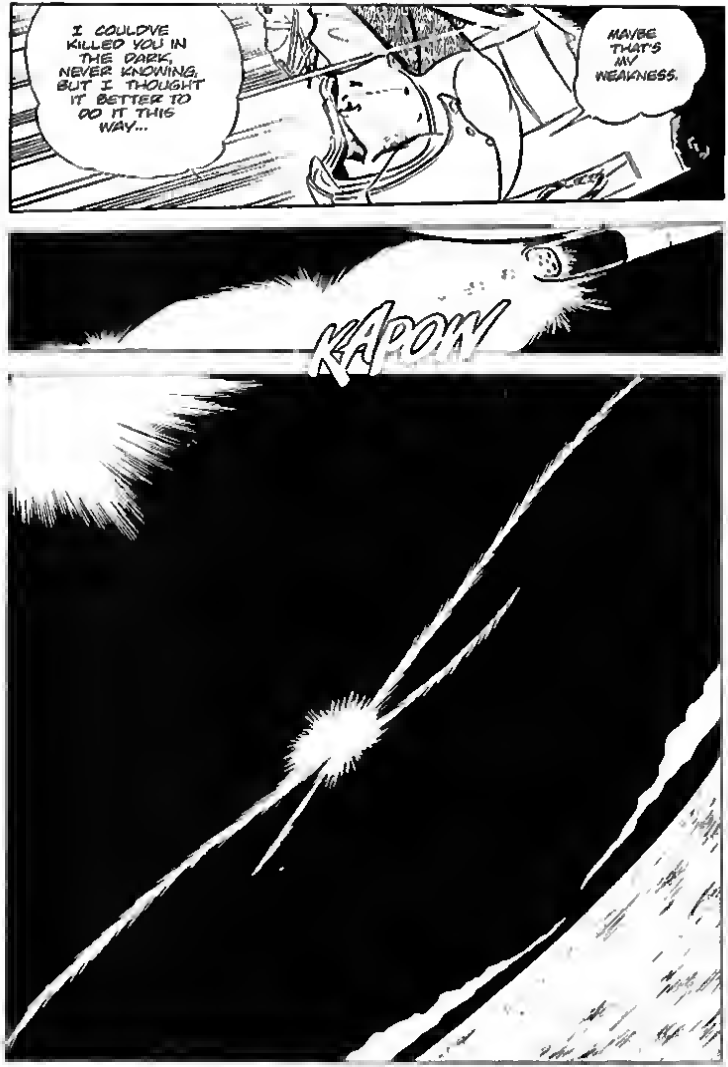
SHAAA
FOOLS!
IT'S TOO LATE TO SPREAD OUT NOW!
CHAK
BRAKAKAKAKA
KABLAMM
SHAK
SAK
SAK

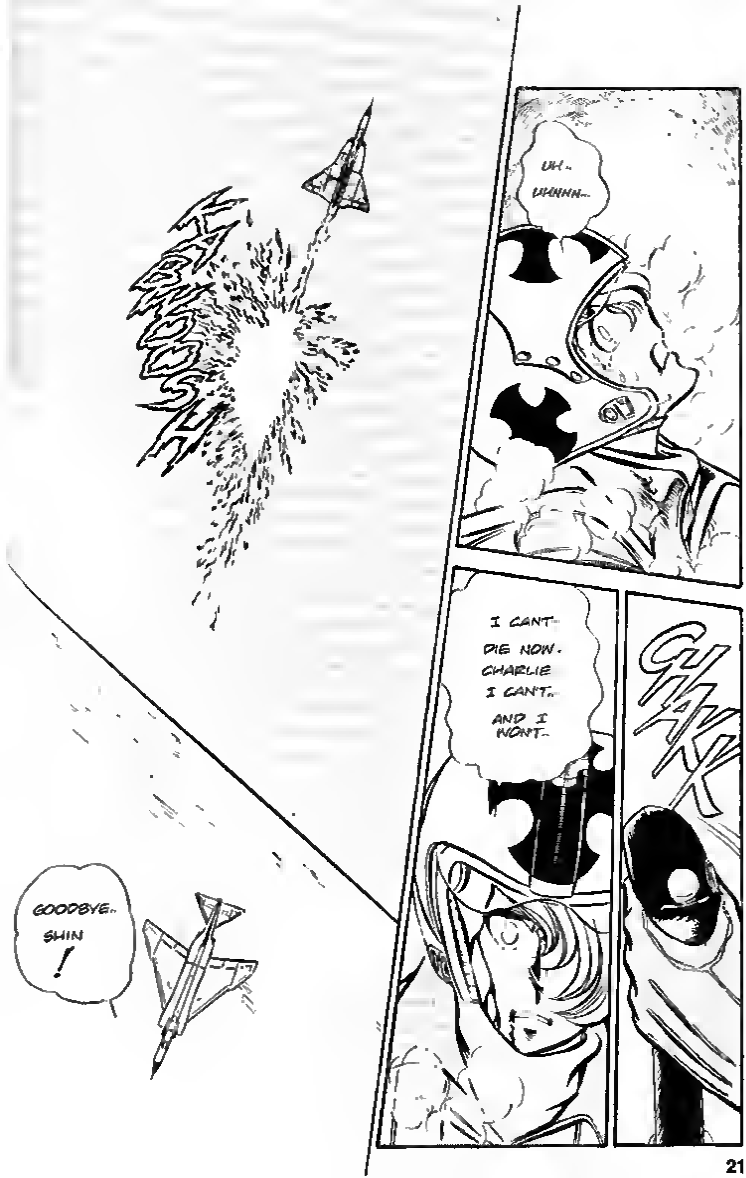

SHIN, WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF FUEL. WHAT DO WE DO?!
CHARLIE'S BLUE SECTION WILL BE HERE SOON! HOLD ON TILL THEN!
DAMN. I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHERE OUR OTHER PLANES ARE...
CHARLIE, GET HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
THIS IS BLUE SECTION LEADER CHARLIE! SHIN, ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?
YOU'RE HERE!
YEAH, WE'VE BARELY SURVIVED BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE FUEL! WE HAVE TO RETURN TO BASE!

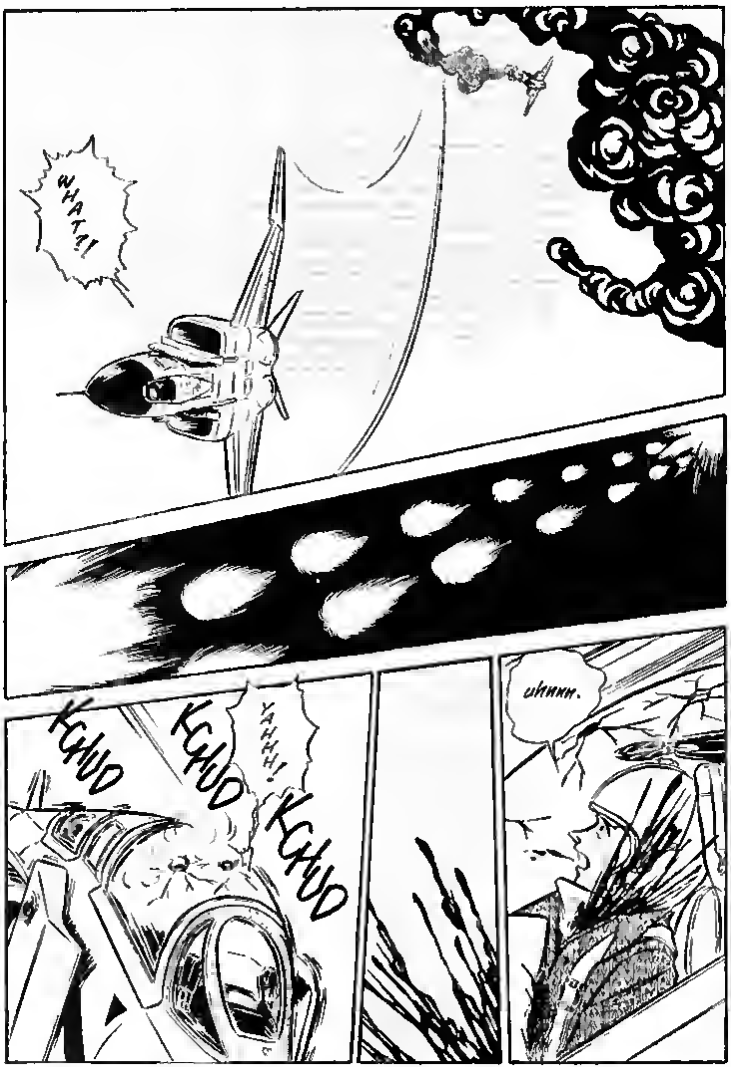
MY FORMATION'S BUSY FIGHTING THE ENEMY ON THE RIGHT
HOW LONG WILL YOUR FUEL LAST ?
PROBABLY FIFTEEN MINUTES AT BEST
THAT'S LONG ENOUGH FOR MY FORMATION TO FINISH UP AND GET HERE!
WHY DON'T THE TWO OF US STAY AND DEFEND THIS AREA TILL THEY DO?
OKAY, I GOT IT!
WARREN, KEN--
YOU GO BACK FIRST!
ROGER!
.....
I CAN TAKE AS MANY AS FIVE ENEMY PLANES.
SHIN, STAY BACK AND FINISH OFF ANY THAT I MISS!
OKAY, BUT DON'T TRY THE IMPOSSIBLE!
SHAROOOM


FAOOOOM
UH, WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU KNEW THIS WAS YOUR LAST FLIGHT ?
WHAT ?!
A MAN HIRED ME TO KILL YOU
WHO?! WHO WAS HE ?!

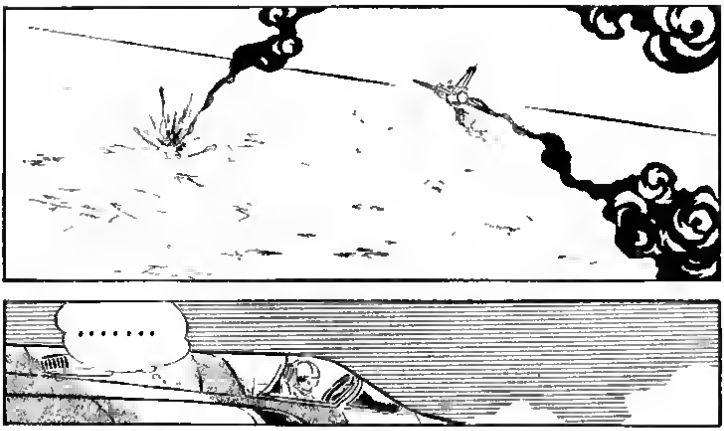

WE PROFESSIONALS HAVE A RULE NOT TO REVEAL THE NAMES OF OUR CLIENTS
SORRY..
BUT I'M THE ONE WHO'S ON YOUR TAIL...
IF I TOUCH THIS TRIGGER, YOU'LL BE DEAD.
heh. heh. heh.
THAT'S TRUE
SHEEOOM
BUT EVEN SO, YOU HAVEN'T GOT INTO THE PROPER FIRING POSITION..
YOU'RE TOO SOFT.
YOU SAY THAT YOU'RE TOUGH--- THAT YOU DON'T TRUST ANYONE.. BUT INSIDE, YOU DESPERATELY WANT TO BELIEVE IN PEOPLE AND THAT'S A FATAL WEAKNESS
CHAK
SHEOOM
!!


I COULDVE KILLED YOU IN THE DARK, NEVER KNOWING, BUT I THOUGHT IT BETTER TO DO IT THIS WAY...
MAYBE THAT'S MY WEAKNESS.
KAPOW


UH..
UHHHH...
I CAN'T DIE NOW. CHARLIE I CAN'T.. AND I WON'T..
GHAK
GOODBYE.. SHIN !


WHAT?!
KCHUD
KCHUD
YAHH!
KCHUD
UHHHH.

KBOOM
VEEEEEEEE
I'LL TELL YOU JUST ONE THING THE CLIENT WHO HIRED ME WAS JAPANESE, LIKE YOU.
HA, HA, HA, HA...
JAPANESE!
WHAT WAS HIS NAME ?!
CHARLIE, ANSWER ME !!
GOODBYE, SHIN
THIS TIME'S FOR REAL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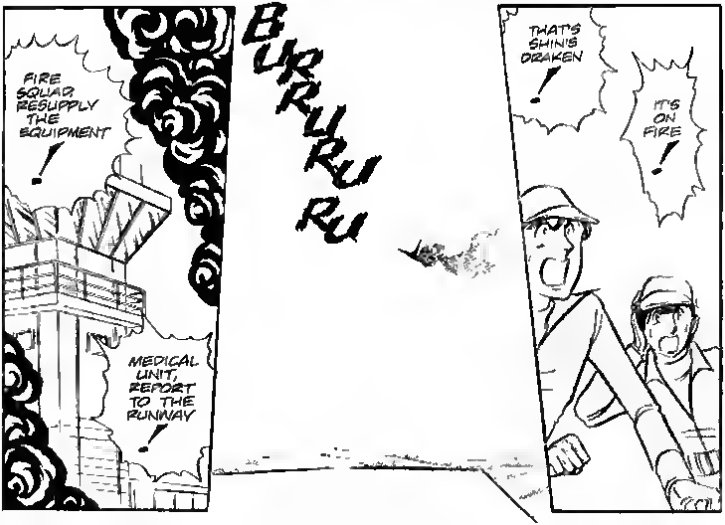
FIRE SQUAD, RESUPPLY THE EQUIPMENT!
MEDICAL UNIT, REPORT TO THE RUNWAY!
BURURURU
THAT'S SHIN'S DRAKEN!
IT'S ON FIRE!

SHIN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
Y-YEAH...
CHARLIE DIED IN COMBAT..
AT POINT P3-CO.
DEAD?! INVULNERABLE CHARLIE?!
EVEN CHARLIE..
TERRIBLE BLEEDING! GET THAT AMBULANCE OVER HERE!
SHIN, HANG ON!
WEOO WEOO

McCOY... WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER GUYS?
WELL..
HOOVER DIED IN COMBAT.
HE WAS A NICE GUY.
HOOVER
THE STEEL ACE, A GENIUS IN AERIAL COMBAT..
EVEN HOOVER IS GONE.
MICK AND SAKI HAVEN'T COME BACK YET!
EVEN CHARLIE WAS KILLED IN COMBAT!
MICK?!
IT CAN'T BE! THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD BE SHOT DOWN!
UH!
DON'T MOVE, SHIN! IT ONLY MAKES THE BLEEDING WORSE!
.....

OH
..ONE PLANE IS COMING BACK.
IS IT AN F-14.. OR A KFIR ?
WAIT A MINUTE !
IT'S A KFIR !
THERE'S THE VASHTARL CREST ON THE TAIL FIN.. THAT'S SAKI'S PLANE!
SHIN! SAKI HAS COME BACK !
GOOD... THAT MEANS MICK IS PROBABLY OKAY, TOO!

TO BE CONTINUED!